

Bernd Fesel (born in 1962)

works as an independent cultural events organiser and cultural-political advisor. He studied Economics and Philosophy in Heidelberg and Bonn from 1983 to 1990 and graduated with an economist degree. In 1997 he became Managing Director of Federal Association of German Galleries. During this time he launched a presentation portal for German galleries, organised the first online art fair with the support of the Deutsche Telekom and developed an educative CD-Rom on the art of the 60s, which was distinguished by the European Commission. From 2000 to 2004 he was honorary spokesperson of the German Arts Council, the federal umbrella association of 20 arts federations. Since 2002 he has been board member of the German Council for Cultural statistics and from 2003 to 2005 chairman of the expert committee "Taxes" in the German Cultural Council.

In 2003 Bernd Fesel initiated the national conference on cultural industries in Berlin, which is organised every year in cooperation with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, the German Council for Cultural Statistics and the German Cultural Council. The fourth conference in 2007 was part of the German EU-Presidency and focused on creative industries in Europe, www.creative-economy.eu.

Bernd Fesel supervises the seminar serials "Strategies in the arts market" and occupies teaching positions at the University in Hagen (since 2004), the Friedrich-Wilhelm-University in Bonn (2006) and the University of the Arts in Berlin (2007). Since 2007 the Office for Cultural Policies and Industries is cooperation partner of the training programme „Management in the Art Market" at the Freie Universität in Berlin, the biggest advanced training centre in Germany. This is the first advanced training dealing with the arts market which closes with a certificate.

References - selection 2007

Creative Industries Advisor for the European Capital of Culture Ruhr 2010

Advisor of the German UNESCO Commission and the German Federal Foreign Office

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